

# ComEd Opt Out Process For Smart Meters

Commonwealth Edison is in the process of installing Smart Meters in every home in Burr Ridge. Smart Meters use RF technology and, therefore, emit RF radiation. Although the level of RF radiation emanating from Smart Meters falls well below FCC standards, some residents may have concerns. In today's society, the use of RF technology is pervasive and various levels of RF radiation emanate from several sources throughout every household in America, coming from cell phones, wireless phones, microwaves, Wi-Fi modems, laptop computers, baby monitors, etc. The one big difference between Smart Meters and all other RF radiation emitting devices is that people have a choice as to whether or not to own an RF device. People who own homes within the ComEd service area currently do not have a permanent choice whether or not to accept a Smart Meter, but can only postpone (defer) the installation until the installation process has been completed service area wide, after which time, ComEd currently has the authority under the law to install a Smart Meter on their property.

It is the position of the Village Board of the Village of Burr Ridge that this problem can be corrected by legislative action and has passed a Resolution encouraging ComEd and our representatives in Springfield to sponsor legislation that will allow concerned customers throughout the ComEd service territory to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Program. In the meantime, residents can choose to defer ("opt out" of) the installation of a Smart Meter in their home. To view the opt-out/deferral process, see below.

## Opt-Out/Deferral Process For Smart Meters:

1. Call AMI Call Center at: 1-866-368-8326
2. If refusing ("opting out") installation of Smart Meter, a Com Ed representative will clarify the following:
  - ◆ The refusal ("opt out") is temporary, per Illinois law
  - ◆ The refusal ("opt out") fee is \$21.53 monthly
  - ◆ The Monthly fee will be applied 4 billing periods after the scheduled SmartMeter installation date
  - ◆ The Customer will receive 2 notifications over the next 4 months reminding them of their decision to refuse the meter
3. If the customer already has a SmartMeter installed and chooses to have the Smart Meter exchanged for a non-communicating meter, the ComEd representative will follow the same steps above, and clarify that there is a one-time exchange fee of \$77.47.
4. The ComEd representative will clarify the reason for the refusal and ask if they may provide any information.